

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
PARK HUNG QUAN,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. CR19-0148-JCC  
  
ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Park Hung Quan's unopposed motion to seal exhibits to his reply brief in support of his motion for compassionate release (Dkt. No. 84). Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant record, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion for the reasons explained herein.

The Court starts from the position that there is a strong presumption of public access to documents filed in criminal proceedings. *See United States v. Carpenter*, 923 F.3d 1172, 1178–79 (9th Cir. 2019). Documents may be sealed from the public only for compelling reasons that outweigh the public's interest in disclosure. *Carpenter*, 923 F.3d at 1179; *see United States v. Doe*, 870 F.3d 991, 998 (9th Cir. 2017); *Oregonian Publ'g Co. v. U.S. Dist. Ct. for Dist. of Or.*, 920 F.2d 1462, 1466 (9th Cir. 1990). Here, Mr. Quan seeks to maintain his medical records under seal. (*See* Dkt. Nos. 84, 84-2.) The Court finds that Mr. Quan has a strong privacy interest in his highly personal medical records, the disclosure of which could be harmful and is not

1 necessary to assist the public in understanding the Court's ruling. Accordingly, Mr. Quan has  
2 demonstrated a compelling reason to seal that outweighs the public's interest in disclosure. The  
3 Court GRANTS Mr. Quan's motion (Dkt. No. 84) and DIRECTS the Clerk to maintain Docket  
4 Number 84-2 under seal.

5 DATED this 23rd day of February 2021.

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